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SB 116

Sectional Analysis

"An Act amending campaign contribution limits for state and local office; directing the Alaska Public Offices Commission to adjust campaign contribution limits for state and local office once each decade beginning in 2031; and relating to campaign contribution reporting requirements."

Section 1 – Includes Legislative Finding language affirming Alaskans’ desire for reasonable campaign contribution limits that protects the voices of everyday Alaskans in our electoral system, secure equal rights for Alaskans, and preserve the integrity of our election.

Section 2 – Amends AS 15.13.070(b) to change the limit an individual may contribute to a candidate, a write-in candidate, or to a non-group entity from \$500 per year to \$2,000 per election cycle. Changes the amount an individual may contribute to a group to \$5,000 a year. Specifies that these limits do not apply to independent expenditures.

Section 3 –Amends AS 15.13.070(c) to change the limit a group that is not a political party may contribute per year to a candidate or write-in candidate from \$1,000 per year to \$4,000 per election cycle. Changes the amount a group that is not a political party may contribute to another group, nongroup entity, or political party to \$5,000 per year.

Section 4 – Amends AS 15.13.070(f) to change the limit a nongroup entity may contribute to a candidate, write-in candidate, or another nongroup entity from \$1,000 per year to \$4,000 per election cycle. Changes the amount a nongroup entity may contribute to a political party or other group to \$5,000 per year.

Section 5 – Amends AS 15.13.070(g) to change the limit an individual may contribute to a joint campaign for governor and lieutenant governor from \$1,000 per year to \$4,000 per election cycle. Changes the limit a group may contribute to a joint campaign for governor and lieutenant governor from \$2,000 per year to \$8,000 per election cycle.

Section 6 - Amends AS 15.13.070 to include a new subsection (h) that states contribution limits provided under (b)(1), (c)(2), and (f) of this section do not apply to individuals, groups, or non-group entities contributing to a group or nongroup entity that makes solely independent expenditures.

Amends AS 15.13.070 to include a new subsection (i) directing the Alaska Public Offices Commission to update contribution limits every ten years, beginning the first quarter of 2031, based on consumer inflation rates for the preceding 10 years. These increases are rounded to the nearest \$50 increment.



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Section 7 - Amends AS 15.13.110 (i) prohibiting the Alaska Public Offices Commission from changing the manner or format in which a candidate must file a report during an election cycle.

Section 8 - Amends AS.15.13.400 to include a new paragraph (20) defining “election cycle” as the period beginning on the date a candidate becomes eligible to receive campaign contributions and ending on the date that candidate must file a final report.

Section 9 - Adds new section to the uncodified law of the State of Alaska specifying that this act does not apply to contributions made before the effective date of this act.